

## Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year!

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## LOCAL JOTTINGS

J. E. Packer has been very ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks. His condition at this time is critical.

Rev. William Forbes Emery of Augusta was called to the bedside of his friend, J. E. Packer, last Monday night.

Just received a large shipment of Christmas and New Year postcards, tags, seals, stamps and plaques. Six hundred different designs are now on display. Remember our candies are received fresh every Friday and are sold on a guarantee to be the highest grade box or bulk, nuts from this year's crop, stationery, etc. Golden Rule Store, adv.

Salt and fresh meats, bacon and groceries, at Pelter's place 4217\*

Herbert Bassett is expected home from the university at Ann Arbor next Wednesday to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. W. J. Smith has been very sick during the past week and under the care of a trained nurse.

John Mutchler and family were among the visitors in Kalamazoo last Saturday.

Rev. E. H. Harvey and wife left last Saturday to spend several weeks in Chicago and to enjoy the music of grand opera.

Miss Alice, the 10 year old daughter of Mrs. May Tubbs, was taken to the tuberculosis sanitarium in Kalamazoo for treatment last Saturday. She has been ill for only a short time, and although her decline has been rapid, it is earnestly hoped that the treatment there may restore this bright lovable little girl to health.

Dr. J. C. Maxwell and family will entertain the members of the Maxwell family to the number of 30 or more on Christmas day. Three large turkeys, done to a queen's taste, have been ordered to grace the table by their presence. We predict for this large family gathering one of the happiest of Christmas days.

Be sure you take a day off and read every advertisement in this, our Christmas number. You will surely find just what you want for a Christmas gift from an auto or a piano to as small a gift as can be purchased.

There will be work in the second degree at the K. of P. hall next Monday evening.

Rev. C. A. Carman visited at the home of his parents in Potterville, Eaton county, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downing returned last Wednesday evening from a two weeks' visit with their sons Harold of Griffith, Ind., and Lynn of Harlands, Ind. On the way home they stopped for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mosier at Dowagiac. A very enjoyable trip is reported.

C. M. Northrop and family have recently moved to Paw Paw and have rented a house of E. B. Longwell on Maple street.

V. A. Lepper has been quite sick the past week with neuritis. He is on the gain, however, and his many friends will be pleased to see him back in the store soon. Mrs. Lepper has had the store in charge during his absence.

W. J. Nowor of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Van Tassel, Mrs. Al. Hindenach and the Misses Mildred and Helen Van Tassel were Kalamazoo visitors Monday.

Harvey Sherman's mother is here from Grand Rapids staying with Mrs. Sherman while Harvey is in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bassett will entertain at Christmas dinner the members of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bassett and Herbert Bassett of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Alice Grimes will leave next week for Hillsdale to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Kirby and family. From there she expects to leave for the South to spend the remainder of the winter.

O. B. Frost of Allegan spent the week end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lucy Burdick.

Glove fitting, hand made slippers. Enquire of Mrs. C. P. Treseott. adv. Advertisers: Lenore Frashour, Miss Edith Patterson, Inez Schuchl, Miss Helen Zaiger (2), Harry Jones, Frank Wilkinson.

The ladies of the M. E. aid society were entertained at the home of Mrs. Chas. Harris, Tuesday. A sleigh ride and a fine pot luck dinner added to their enjoyment.

The Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas supper at the Memorial hall Friday evening, December 24, beginning at 5:30 o'clock. A short program will follow the supper.

The Methodist Sunday school at Almena will have an old fashioned Christmas tree and program Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cornell are spending the week in Ann Arbor as delegates to the state Grange now being held at that place.

Ed. M. Bailey left on Saturday on a business trip to various points in Indiana.

Miss Lizzie Roundy, who expects to go to California, was the recipient of a surprise Friday afternoon. A large number of her friends from the Christian church came, bringing lots of good things to eat. A pleasant afternoon was spent and fine refreshments served. At 5 o'clock the ladies departed, leaving many lovely and useful presents and a host of best wishes. If Dame Rumor is correct, wedding bells will ring in California soon after Miss Roundy's arrival there.

Charles W. Overdorff and Miss Hazel L. Shears, both of Glendale, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage on Sunday afternoon at 5:30. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. O. Carman.

W. G. Epley now drives a fine new Overland automobile, recently purchased through the Chas. Giddings agency of Lawton.

Downing and Pitkin are giving the dance at opera house Christmas night Dec 25. Good time assured. adv.

H. L. McNeil gave a very interesting talk to the pupils of the high school yesterday afternoon. He took as his subject, "History of Land Titles and the Method of Describing and Recording Titles." It was listened to with a great deal of interest by the pupils and was greatly appreciated.

Pitkin and Downing combined orchestra are giving the dance at opera house Christmas night. Bill 75c. Spectators 10c. adv.

Isaac Kackkack, a member of the Pottowotomie tribe of Indians and for many years a familiar figure about Paw Paw, passed to the "Happy Hunting Ground" last Wednesday. He had been ill with pneumonia for several days, and his wife was ill at the home of a neighbor so there was no one with him in his little hut during his last days but a brother who is nearly blind. Kackkack was above the average in intelligence, and as the saying goes, was a good Indian.

Arrange to attend Downing and Pitkin dance at opera house Christmas night. Santa will be there. We promise you a good time. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McDonald and family are expected home to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Elvira Morrison, and Miss Agnes.

Mrs. Georgette Stearns will entertain her daughter, Mrs. Henry Van Dusen, and family from Chicago on Christmas day.

Charles Morrison and family will spend Christmas at the home of their uncle, John Sebring, and wife in Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Dancombs expect to eat their Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Riley of Benton Harbor.

Lake & Son are giving away with every cash purchase one of the most complete and handiest broom holders on the market.

Remember the dance at opera house Christmas night Dec. 25. Everybody welcome. Bill 75c. Spectators 10c.

## VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual election of the officers of Bradhead Post, G. A. R., the following veterans were honored to represent this noble band of heroes of the Civil war: Commander, Dr. George Jackson; Sen. Vice Com., George L. Tuttle; Jun., D. V. LePier; Chaplain, Rev. I. P. Bates; Quartermaster, M. C. Wheaton; Adjutant, Wm. Killeter; Officer of the Day, Jake Horning; Officer of the Day; John Wilson.

### Paw Paw Township Taxes.

I will be at the Paw Paw Savings bank Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4 and every day beginning December 9, until January 10, 1916, to collect taxes. 444 L. J. Dunham, Treas.

### TOMORROW.

Do not look forward with direful apprehension to what might happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unflinching strength to bear it.—Francis de Sales.

### Saving His Feelings.

The Office Boy (to persistent lady artist who calls six times a week)—The editor's still engaged. The Lady Artist—Tell him it doesn't matter. I don't want to marry him. The Office Boy—I haven't the art to tell 'im that, miss. He's had several disappointments today. Try and look in again next year.—London Sketch.

### Rainless Lima.

People don't talk about the weather very much in Lima, because it never rains there.

## High School Notes

Douglas Hindenach, 17

Mr. Cavanaugh spoke to the high school Friday on "The Professor of Law." The band also gave a few selections.

The high school band played at Decker's picture show Friday evening at 7:00.

Mr. Hungerford read another chapter from "Chimes from a Jester's Bells" last Monday morning.

Vivian Pendergast of Decatur spent Tuesday with Helen Lewis at school.

The sixth grade is making an extensive study of cotton.

The seventh grade will have a Christmas tree and part Thursday.

The first basket ball game of the season will be played with Bangor at that place. The team will undoubtedly be chosen from the following men: Charles Cole, David Hunt, Milton Daw, Ray Henderson, Art Nunn, Clair Doren, Donald Purrington, Kirke Harrington.

### NOTICE OF MEETING.

To Whom It May Concern:

Be it known, that on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1915, an application was filed with Charles E. Ashley, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren, for the locating and establishing of a certain drain, which said drain was described in said application as follows, to-wit:

Said Ororak and Lewis drain as recorded in the township of Almena needs cleaned out and extended at the upper end along the line between the new ¼ of S. E. ¼ on N. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of Sec. 16 about 40 rods, and the whole drain is to be tiled with a 12-inch or less according to the survey.

Petitioners—Wm. Timmons, Almena township; Chas. Scott, Highway Commissioner Almena Township.

That said drain will traverse the township of Almena.

Now, therefore, be it further known that by virtue of the power vested in me by the statutes in case made and

provided, I hereby designate that on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the residence of Wm. Timmons, in the township of Almena and county of Van Buren, State of Michigan, as the time and place of meeting to consider and take action on said application for the purpose of determining whether or not said proposed drain is necessary and conducive to public health, convenience and welfare, at which time and place aforesaid all persons interested or owning land liable to assessment for benefits or whose lands may be traversed by said drain may appear for or against said drain proceedings, and are notified to meet and offer their reasons why said petition or prayer should or should not be granted.

CHARLES E. ASHLEY,  
County Drain Commissioner, Van Buren County, Michigan.  
Dated this 13th day of December, 1915.

## TOM BROWN,

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